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Annual Reports

of the Town of

LANGDON,  N. H.



For the Year Ending
FEBRUARY 15, 1906

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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND OTHER

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

LANGDON, N. H.

FOR THE

Year Ending February 15, 1906

ADVOCATE PRESS,
Claremont, N. H.

Report of Selectmen

Taxes required to be assessed in town April, 1905.

State tax,	\$ 301 75
County tax,	505 06
Highways and bridges,	600 00
School tax, and required by law,	532 50
School tax, additional by vote of town,	200 00
Town library,	21 30
Town charges,	400 00
Memorial day,	40 00
Overlay,	130 00
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	\$2,730 61

Rate of taxation \$1.36 on each \$100.

INVOICE APRIL 1, 1905

Polls,	100	\$ 10,000 00
Real estate,		140,490 00
Horses,	135	10,276 00
Oxen,	8	510 00
Cows,	373	11,614 00
Neat stock,	205	4,344 00
Sheep,	437	1,324 00
Hogs,	2	18 00
Fowls,	160	80 00
Stock in public funds,		1,100 00
Stock in banks,		200 00
Stock in trade,		750 00
Money on hand or at interest,		18,154 00
Mills and machinery,		700 00
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		\$199,560 00

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the year ending Feb. 15, 1906

Feb. 15, 1905, cash in treasury,	\$ 151 15
Rec'd from Sullivan County, support of paupers,	183 62
town clerk, dog licenses,	74 20

state treasurer, savings bank tax,	97 64
selectmen, borrowed money,	325 00
" wood, logs and fence posts,	23 96
rent of town hall,	4 50
tax collector,	1,983 77
interest on taxes,	8 10
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	\$2,851 94

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid county tax,	\$505 06
state tax,	301 75
on selectmen's orders,	1,985 51
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Feb. 15, 1906, cash in treasury,	\$2,792 32
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	59 62
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	\$2,851 94

HENRY J. LASALLE, Treasurer.

TOWN OFFICERS

Alvin S. Cram, selectman 1904,	\$ 48 50
William H. Wilson, "	25 00
George H. Royce, "	10 00
Alvin S. Cram, town clerk 1905,	20 00
Arthur E. Bingham, collector, 1905,	40 00
Henry J. LaSelle, treasurer 1905,	25 00
Frank R. Bates, sexton 1905,	39 50
Mrs. E. J. LaSelle, school treasurer 1905,	5 00
Mrs. E. J. LaSelle, librarian 1905,	12 00
Almon B. Lufkin, supervisor 1903 and 1904,	10 00
Charles H. Green, " "	6 00
James W. Bascom, district clerk 1905,	1 00
Charles Winch, auditor 1905,	1 00
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	\$243 00

SCHOOL BOARD

James W. Bascom, services,	\$10 00
Henry J. LaSelle, "	6 00
Charles A. Jests, "	5 00
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	\$21 00

COUNTY PAUPERS

Paid for benefit of Milton J. Clark,	\$155 82
" Laura Benware and children,	39 12
Due from Sullivan county Feb. 15, 1905,	63 09
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Received from Sullivan county,	258 03
Balance due from Sullivan county Feb. 15, 1906,	183 62
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	\$74 41

DAMAGE BY DOGS

Alvin S. Cram, one sheep killed,	\$4 00
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DOG LICENSES

Received for dog licenses,	\$74 20
Paid for damage and service of Constable,	6 00
Balance to be paid school treasurer Apr. 1, 1906,	<hr/>
	\$68 20

ORDERS DRAWN TO REPAIR ROADS AND BRIDGES

Edwin H. Clark, surveyor in District No. 1,	\$40 25
Marshall F. Bragg, surveyor in District No. 2,	78 25
Arthur E. Bingham, surveyor in District No. 3,	40 88
George G. Bowen, 2094 ft. plank for bridge,	33 50
Alvin S. Cram, labor and spikes,	1 58
George H. Royce, labor planking bridge,	75
Herbert G. Lamb, surveyor in District No. 4,	21 20
George G. Bowen, 548 ft. plank for bridge stringers,	9 83
Alvin S. Cram, labor and spikes,	95
George H. Royce, labor on bridge,	75
Ira A. Kinson, surveyor in District No. 5,	51 90
Charles C. Plimpton, surveyor in District No. 6,	38 85
James Willard, gravel used on highway,	1 50
Robert H. Wheeler, surveyor in District No. 7,	63 16
C. A. Jefts,	75
Henry E. Smith, snowing bridge,	1 50
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	\$385 60

ORDERS DRAWN FOR BREAKING ROADS

Marshall A. Currier, in 1904 and 1905,	\$ 9 70
Carlos J. Fifield, March 1905,	8 36
William Kirkpatrick, winter of 1904 and 1905,	3 90
Charles C. Plimpton, "	7 78
J. H. Porter, "	3 15
L. E. Ballou, "	1 80
W. H. Wilson, "	1 35
C. W. Graves, "	1 35
Ira M. Russell, "	90

	\$38 29

ORDERS DRAWN FOR LABOR AND FENCE AT
SOUTH CEMETERY

James A. Hall, labor with team clearing grounds,	\$26 00
Robert H. Wheeler, labor clearing grounds,	12 00
James Brooks, " "	19 50
George B. Doan & Son, iron posts,	32 50
Freight on same from Boston,	2 25
George G. Bowen, dressed lumber rails and slats,	113 36
Howard Hardware Co., nails, bolts, oil and paint,	58 33
Kitselman Brothers, ornamental fence,	225 09
W. A. Wheeler, mending chains, sharpening drills,	14 00
Alvin S. Cram, labor on grounds and fence,	61 45
George H. Royce, " "	57 75
Frank R. Bates, " "	45 04
Henry E. Smith, labor on fence,	11 40
Walter H. Smith, " "	2 77
W. H. Wilson, " "	1 20
F. J. Marvin, grass seed,	1 25

	\$683 89

ORDERS DRAWN FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES

E. M. Smith, service and counsel at the hearing before commissioners of Cheshire County Jan. 25 and 26 on petition, C. J. O'Neil and others, Wal- pole vs Langdon,	\$35 00
A. S. Wait, counsel on same case,	12 00

	\$47 00

ORDERS DRAWN FOR MISCELLANEOUS PURPOSES

School treasurer, unexpended dog license of 1904,	\$85 30
Edson C. Eastman, blank books,	6 69
W. S. Hancock Post, Memorial day,	40 00
E. M. Currier, repairs on hearse,	9 00
C. J. Newell, spruce lumber,	20 00
H. L. Prentiss, interest on note,	20 00
E. L. Walker, insurance on town hall,	3 00
E. M. Smith, retaining fee,	5 00
F. C. Wilkinson, examination of horses at Mr. Campbell's,	10 00
A. E. Bingham, abatements on 3 poll taxes,	4 08
Alvin S. Cram, removing sheds,	75
Geo. H. Royce, " and drawing lumber,	2 75
School supplies,	71 64
Town clerk, returning births, marriages and deaths as required by law of 1905,	41 00
George I. Putnam, town reports,	18 25
Trustee of library, library tax,	21 30
C. M. Lufkin, expenses of board of health,	2 00
Board of health, fumigating room,	75
C. M. Lufkin, 2 births and 6 deaths returned 1904,	2 00
R. F. Oliver, 4 births and 4 deaths returned 1905,	2 00
O. C. Young, 1 birth returned 1905,	25
	<u>\$365 79</u>

RECAPITULATION

Town officers,	\$ 243 00
School board,	21 00
County paupers,	194 94
Damage by dogs,	6 00
Highways and bridges,	385 60
Breaking roads,	38 29
State tax,	301 75
County tax,	505 06
Hearing on toll bridge case,	47 00
South cemetery,	683 89
Miscellaneous,	<u>365 79</u>
	<u>\$2,792 32</u>

TRUST FUND

The Prentiss fund is invested in the Bellows Falls Savings Institution, and the interest is devoted to the care of the Prentiss lots in the South cemetery.

ASSETS

Cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1906,	\$59 62
Due from Sullivan county, Feb. 15, 1906,	74 41
	<u>\$134 03</u>

TOWN NOTES OUTSTANDING

Due on Prentiss note,	\$ 500 00
Due on Hutchins note,	200 00
Due on Porter note,	<u>325 00</u>
	\$1,025 00

Respectfully submitted,

ALVIN S. CRAM, } Selectmen
GEORGE H. ROYCE, } of
ROBERT J. HAMMOND, } Langdon.

This certifies that I have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

CHARLES WINCH, Auditor.

Langdon, N. H., Feb. 15, 1906.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

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To cash on hand Feb. 15, 1905,	\$18 23
1906	
Jan. 8 Library tax,	21 30
Fines collected,	26
	<u>39 79</u>

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Aug. 7 7 books received from Pilgrim Press,	3 80
Oct. 13 20 books received from W. P. Goodman,	10 24
14 Express on same,	35
20 Paper for covering books,	15
20 Library paste,	68
Nov. 11 30 books received from W. P. Goodman,	17 99
12 Express on same,	35
1906	
Feb. 15 Cash to balance,	<u>6 83 39 79</u>

The Library has been well patronized during the year, and a good grade of books put in.

CHARLES WINCH, Secretary of Trustees.

DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1906

Cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1905,	\$ 121 80
Cash received from collector,	732 50
Literary fund,	25 30
State for support of Superintendent,	42 00
Dog license money 1904,	85 30
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	\$1,006 90

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid on orders,	867 25
Cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1906,	139 65
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	\$1,006 90

MRS. ELSIE J. LASALLE, School Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Number of schools maintained,	3
Number of terms of schools,	7
Number of weeks in spring,	31
Number of weeks in fall,	40
Number of weeks in winter,	10
Whole number of weeks,	81
Number pupils reported,	63
Boys,	33
Girls,	30
Number in actual attendance,	54
Number attending one term or more in adjoining towns,	7
Number between the ages of 6 and 16 not attending any school,	1
Boys,	1
Girls,	0
Names of teachers employed:	

SPRING TERM

School No. 1,	Eva E. Aldrich
“ No. 2,	Charlotte L. Burge
“ No. 3,	Royal P. Richardson

FALL TERM

School No. 1,	Eva E. Aldrich
“ No. 2,	Charlotte L. Burge
“ No. 3,	Gertrude F. Lyons

WINTER TERM

School No. 3,

Grace E. Graves

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Orders drawn on district treasurer for support of schools, \$867.25

EXPENDITURES

Eva E. Aldrich,	teaching 26 weeks,	\$169 00
Charlotte L. Burge,	" 10	55 00
Gertrude F. Lyons,	" 10	80 00
Grace E. Graves,	" 10	85 00
Royal P. Richardson,	" 10	95 00
		\$484 00

SALARY OF SUPERINTENDENT

Clinton J. Richards,	\$16 67
C. H. Drown,	42 00
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	\$58 67

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

CONVEYING SCHOLARS

Catherine Marvin, \$74 50
J. H. Porter, 1 25
M. D. Corliss, Charlestown, 9 00

\$84 75

Care of schoolhouses,	16 50
Cleaning schoolhouses,	7 50
Wood,	17 50
Repairs, material and labor,	29 86
Miscellaneous expenses,	10 92
Due H. J. LaSelle, error in order,	82 50

RECAPITULATION

Orders drawn on District Treas. for support of schools, \$867 25

EXPENDITURES

Wages of teachers, including board,	484 00
Salary of Superintendent,	58 67
High school tuition,	112 00
Tuition to adjoining towns,	45 55
Conveying scholars,	84 75
Care of schoolhouses,	16 50
Cleaning schoolhouses,	7 50
Wood,	17 50
Repairs,	29 86
Miscellaneous expenses,	10 92
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	\$867 25

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. LASSELLE, } School
JAMES W. BASCOM, }
CHARLES A. JEFTS, } Board.

This certifies that I have this day examined the accounts of the School Board and Treasurer of the Langdon School District and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

CHARLES WINCH, Auditor of the District.

Langdon, N. H., Feb. 15, 1906.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

TO THE SCHOOL BOARD AND CITIZENS OF LANGDON, N. H.:

I wish to submit the following report of the Langdon schools.

TEACHERS

Our teachers have worked faithfully and used their best energies and ability for the best interests of the schools. There has been no change of teachers in our schools during the past year, except in the Centre school.

The best results can be secured when the teacher's service is continuous. We have been most highly favored with the good work of most excellent teachers during the last term especially. It is indeed a sad mistake to let a few dollars on salary stand in the way of securing the best teachers. It is much better economy to pay a little more for a good teacher than to throw away the whole amount on a school with an inefficient teacher. Our school board realize this and are endeavoring to secure the best teachers. It may be necessary to make some changes in teachers next spring, as some of the former teachers are worth more salary than the school appropriation provides for, but we shall endeavor to get the best to fill the places of those who do not return.

The kind of teacher our schools need is one who has the best training for her work, and who is an enthusiastic worker and will continually grow in her profession. When a teacher ceases to grow, and feels that she can learn no more, she is useless.

The schools have been a decided success, and the work has greatly improved during the past year.

It has been very encouraging to note the support and help which the parents have given the teachers and schools. It is most unwise for the interests of the school, that parents should find fault with the teacher and school, or to uphold children in rebellion to the regulations of the school. The very best teacher cannot succeed without the support of the citizens.

ATTENDANCE

The most discouraging feature for the success of our schools is the poor attendance. No pupil can make progress if he does not regularly attend school. The records show a little better attendance than in previous years, but it is not at all satisfactory.

The business man who succeeds must attend faithfully to his business. Attending school is the business of the children of school age. If our children are to become successful, it is just the training they need, that they must attend to their business, going to school. You should not expect your child to succeed if he is absent one to three days a week.

We have tried giving certificates to induce better attendance and it has been a great inspiration to a better record. Legally and morally the parents or guardians are responsible for the attendance of the scholars.

I recommend that every reasonable and legal means be used to secure better attendance during the coming year.

GRADING AND COURSE OF STUDY

Our present written course of study does not quite meet the demands of the present school standard, so we have been trying to do a little more work than it requires.

The aim of our work is to give these country boys and girls a thorough practical education which will best fit them for the needs of life.

Everything is done differently now than twenty-five or fifty years ago, hence our system of education must be different, yet we may be too radical and not think the "old days" had anything good. The educational training of today tries to work in the sensible medium.

TEXT BOOK AND SUPPLIES

But little has been spent this year on books and supplies.

As the old spellers were completely out of date and use, we bought new spellers for the town, a matter of small expense. Our schools are much in need of additional readers and new history and language books.

BUILDINGS

The school buildings and surroundings need some improvements for sanitary reasons.

CONSOLIDATION

I am never in favor of urging consolidation of schools unless the majority of voters of the district are in favor of it, yet from an educational standpoint it is always best to unite and grade schools as far as possible, as much better work can be done. In my opinion it is unwise to maintain a school at Cold River for only four pupils. There are too many grades at the Centre school, for the best work to be accomplished.

All things considered I am confident that the schools of Langdon are progressing, and much credit is due the faithful teachers, as well as school officers and citizens.

I wish to express my appreciation of the cordial support of the school board, the earnest co-operation of the teachers and the interest of the citizens in general. I have not been able to get acquainted as much as I wished, as the pressing duties of my work do not give me the opportunity, but I assure you that my whole interest is for the success of your schools and the welfare of your children. Let us, as teachers, school officers and citizens, put forth every effort to make, as far as possible, the schools of Langdon equal to the best schools of our country.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. DROWN, Superintendent of Schools.

VITAL STATISTICS

In compliance with an Act of the Legislature passed June Session, 1887, requiring "clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of the births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the Annual Report," we submit the following:

Births Registered in the Town of Langdon, New Hampshire, for the Year Ending December 31, 1905.

Date, 1905	Name of child (if any)	Sex and Condition	Color	Name of Father	Name of Mother	Middle Name of Mother	Occupation of Parents, Col- leagues or Residence of Landlord	Birthplace and age of Father	Birthplace and age of Mother
Feb 3	Mabel Grace Burnett	F	6	George Burnett	Esther Houle		Carpenter	Johnson Vt	54 Bedford N.Y.
May 4	Soncie	M	4	Henry Soncie	Jennie E Morse		Farmer	Hanover	27 Norwich Vt
May 24	Merton Lee Bascom	M	4	James W Bascom	Dora V Reed		"	Langton	34 Acworth
July 2	Bridges	SB	3	Darwin Bridges	Lucy R Marvin			Peru N.Y.	61 Elizabethtown
Aug 8	Woodell	F	1	George T Woodell	Annie F Jones		Blacksmith	Clarendon	37 Rockingham Vt
Aug 17	Eleanor Lamb	F	6	Herbert G Lamb	Eleanor H Hooper		Farmer	Langton	34 Walpole
Nov 27	Green	M	5	Fred E Green	Ada A Hult		"	Walpole	42 Keene

Marriages Registered in the Town of Langdon, New Hampshire, for the Year Ending December 31, 1905.

Date 1905	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at Time of Marriage	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Groom and Bride	Name of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Condition of Parents	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by whom married
June 10	Langdon	George T. Woodell Annie J. Greene	Langdon “	Blacksmith 29 White	Clarendon Bartonsville Vt	George Woodell Betsey Templeton Frank Jones Lavinia Atherton	England Hanover Franklin “	2	Rev J P Richardson Alstead
Nov 16	Alstead	Charles Westney Alma Green	“ Gilsrum	Farmer 26 White	London Eng Alstead	William Westney Mary Frost Rutus Greene Eveline Miller	England “ Carlyle Mass Marlow	1	Rev J P Richardson Alstead

Deaths Registered in the Town of Langdon, New Hampshire, for the Year Ending December 31, 1905.

Date 1905	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Sex and Condition	Occupation	Place of Birth		Name of Father	Name of Mother
						Y	M	D	
Feb 18	Manel Grace Burnett	15	Langdon	Female	Farmer			Redford N Y	George Burnett
Mar 11	Asa Smith	98	“	W	Farmer				Ebenezer Smith
Apr 5	Andrew A. Graves	71	Walpole	M	Farmer				Susan Durant
July 2	Andrew Bridges	71	Langdon	Wife	Farmer				Percis Wheeler
Aug 13	Lucy R. Bridges	49	Eliza Bettontown N Y	M	“				Lucy R. Marvin
Oct 7	Edward Holmes	77	Langdon	M	“				Susan Allen
Dec 2	Darwin Bridges	60	Peru N Y	W	“				Nancy Thompson
		7	29			Williston Vt	Stoddard	Clifford Holmes	

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns of Births, Marriages and Deaths are correct according to my best knowledge and belief. A LVIN S. CRAM, Town Clerk

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